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SUBJECT: CONGO/B: Nomination of Econ/Cons Bakken for 2005 Workers Rights Training Seminar

REF: STATE 142003

1. Post would like to nominate Economics and Consular Officer Chelsea MH Bakken to attend the 2005 Worker Rights Training Seminar in Cairo. Econ/Cons Bakken is the reporting officer for all labor, economic, commercial, environmental, democracy and human rights, trafficking in persons, military, and consular issues and contributes to political, public diplomacy, and other reporting, as necessary. This training would greatly enhance the post's capacity to improve and expand reporting on worker rights issues in the Republic of Congo. (By way of background, please note that normally Embassy Brazzaville is a small four officer post, but currently it has only one permanent officer, Econ/Cons Bakken, and a TDY Charge.)

2. Econ/Cons Bakken's current supervisor is Charge Ollie Anderson and, starting August 24, her new supervisor will be TDY Charge Sharon Rutherford. Econ/Cons Bakken can be contacted in Brazzaville at (242) 528-79-63 or bzvbakkenmh@yahoo.com or in Kinshasa at (243) 98009502 or bakkenmh@state.gov (please note that she is in Kinshasa only on Mondays and the weekends).

3. Ms. Bakken estimated date of departure from post is August 2007.

4. The cost of airfare from Kinshasa to Cairo is estimated at about USD 1,650 for business class and about USD 1,050 for economy. Post is seeking any possible financial assistance to send our officer to this valuable training opportunity.

5. Brazzaville Embassy Office - Anderson.

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